

Today

Welcome the Aero Bus.
"Mr. Wilson on the Phone."
A Peace League Plan.
U. S. A. to Boss Here.

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The aero bus has come, a flying omnibus, actually carrying passengers regularly between Paris and London, regardless of wind and rain. The bus has four wheels to get its start from the ground, plus the one thing necessary for safety, a set of engines more powerful than any wind they will meet.

In twenty-five years at least all travel for long distances will be through air—three hours between Chicago and New York, less time later. And the travel will be safer than by express. No wheels or rails to break, no rear-end collisions, no sidwiping by freight cars, no washouts, snow drifts, bridges swept away. A wonderful roadbed the air, self-renewing, no friction.

And what fortunes for private owners, if that sky highway should be theirs as the earth's steam highways have been!

You learn from Secretary Lane that this country relies to an amazing extent on workers not born here. The foreign born number 58 per cent in steel and iron trades, 61 per cent in packing, 62 per cent in woolen mills, 69 per cent in cotton factories, 72 per cent in the clothing business. This should interest statesmen now planning to shut out immigration.

There are eight and a half million illiterates in this country. Secretary Lane has a plan to wipe out this illiteracy in seven years at a cost of twenty-six million dollars.

That would be cheap. But the theory that to wipe out illiteracy would also wipe out "anarchy and dangerous discontent" is a false theory. The anarchist is not an illiterate. It is not among those unable to read or write that discontent and revolution grow most rapidly. The reading and writing fifteen per cent of Russian population, not the eighty-five per cent illiterate, overthrew the Czar. Slave owners understood that, and made it a crime to teach slaves to read. Knowledge, not ignorance, breeds discontent. That is why a real republic should educate everybody. Democracy depends for stability on discontent, well informed, and acting in obedience to laws made, and from time to time changed by itself.

Peace league fireworks will flash and sizzle for some time. Could not the nerves of the anxious be soothed and the plan, if feasible, carried out for the world's benefit on this basis?

Make all kinds of fine rules for Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Australian group and let the United States keep always in condition to protect, and if necessary control, this continent. We need no army of half a million, not even unreasonable fleets of battleships, although we should have enough of them.

The world's biggest supply of flying machines, paying their way in peace, carrying dynamite to meet attacking ships in war, a big fleet of submarines on our east and west coasts with a moderate sized standing army and plenty of trained officers, plus sufficient ammunition factories, would do the work.

With those things, which would not cost much, Uncle Sam could say to the world seeking its perpetual peace, "Go ahead, with my blessing. I wish you success, but I am keeping always in shape to protect myself if anything should go wrong with your plans."

Great Britain has released from bond fifty per cent more spirits, in spite of prohibition protests, on the ground that the influenza epidemic makes it necessary.

What becomes of Dr. Osier's positive statement that stimulants do no good in any disease unless the heart has actually stopped, in which case nitroglycerin is better than whiskey?

Dismantling fortifications at Helgoland and Kiel, to make Germany permanently weak, is among suggestions discussed. Would it be wiser to keep the fortifications in hands of allies, if Germany must not have them, rather than destroy them?

Beyond those fortifications to the east lie Russia, and beyond Asia. If, by chance, there ever should be a combination of Russia and Asia, which is not impossible, Western Europe might, with back the fortifications destroyed. Until the world is really pacified, with so much of it in turmoil it seems a mistake to destroy anything that civilization might need in a real world war of continent against continent. With such a leader as Jenghis Khan, that war would come only too quickly, as the world is now.

Sitting in his Washington office on Saturday Secretary Daniels said to his clerks: "See if you can get the President on the telephone." It was the new wireless telephone, of course. A few minutes later the President, 1,000 miles out at sea, was listening to his Secretary. That is a real miracle for you and only the beginning of what men will do before they finish ruling and regulating this earth. To say that they will distribute the surplus heat of the equator at the poles,

WEATHER:

Half tonight, temperature about freezing. Tomorrow increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer. Temperature at 8 a. m., 37 degrees. Normal temperature for February 24, for last thirty years, 38 degrees.

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PRESIDENT LANDS AT BOSTON

Soviet Republic Set Up in Nuremberg; Mobs Rule Augsburg

PARIS, Feb. 24.—A Soviet republic has been proclaimed in Nuremberg, the second city of Bavaria, according to a dispatch received by L'Information today.

In Augsburg, where a Spartacan outbreak occurred Friday night, mobs were reported to have pillaged stores and to have occupied the city hall and newspaper offices. Twenty-two persons were killed and hundreds injured in clashes with government cavalry.

Nuremberg is ninety-five miles northwest of Munich. Augsburg is sixty miles southeast of Nuremberg.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 24.—The workmen and soldiers' councils in the Ruhr district have accepted the proposal of German general headquarters for an "armistice," according to a dispatch from Munster today. The terms were said to include ending of the strike, surrender of all arms, and freedom of the press. Martial law has been proclaimed in Augsburg, Bavaria. Cavalry and sailors were reported to have repeatedly charged the crowds there Friday night.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—(Delayed)—The German government announced its determination today to refuse recognition of the newly proclaimed Soviet Republic in Munich. This was expected to be deferred, however, until the Bavarians themselves are given an opportunity to overthrow the radicals.

Spartacan disorders were continuing in the industrial districts of Germany. In the Ruhr district, where the city was being patrolled by armed cars, manned by radicals. The Spartacans demanded establishment of a Soviet government. Authorities of Baden immediately proclaimed a state of siege. Strikers in Dusseldorf, Muelheim, and Oberhausen decided not to accept the decision of the Essen laborers to return to work.

The "council of eleven," which is administering the affairs of the Soviet republic in Munich, was said to have discharged all regular troops and replaced them with "people's guards." Persons suspected of complicity in a plot to restore the monarchy have been arrested. Among them was a brother of Count Lucknow, former minister to Argentina and author of the famous "apologetic" message.

Throng of citizens were said to have visited the spot where Premier Eisner was assassinated, standing about with bare heads.

BERNE, Feb. 24.—Bolshevik disorders have broken out at Gratz, capital of Styria (a former province of Austria-Hungary), where severe fighting was going on, according to the latest advices received today. Students with Bolshevik tendencies were reported to be employing machine-guns against government forces, who had been re-enforced by workmen. Heavy casualties were said to have resulted.

German Spartacans were reported to have pillaged the government building at Mannheim, on the Rhine (forty-five miles southwest of Frankfurt), and to have destroyed most of the federal records.

BASLE, Feb. 24.—The central council, which is administering the affairs of the soviet government in Munich, includes the following: it was reported today.

Herr Simon, chairman, and Herren Gauder, Hoffman, Utzendorfer, Saubir, Goldschmidt, Niekats, Koresel, Lisenhut, Lowin, and Hagemelster.

Prince Leopold was reported to have been arrested.

SPARTACANS EXECUTE CAPTURED LOYALIST TROOPS

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Many of the German soldiers who fell into the hands of the Spartacans in the fighting around Bottrop, in the Ruhr coal fields (Westphalia), were shot, according to information from there today. Those that were not executed were stripped, beaten and robbed.

TODAY

abolish excessive heat and cold, putting an end to glacial movements that have destroyed past civilizations and, incidentally, control the earth's shifting position, is no exaggeration. Men will do back with pity some day to this period in which primitive man, with his league, is trying to stop murdering his fellows.

REFERENDUM ON LEAGUE IS PROVIDED IN HOUSE BILL

A bill providing for a nation-wide referendum on the league of nations was introduced in the House today by Congressman Lundeen of Minnesota.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The general view of the peace delegates in Paris now is that the preliminary peace treaty will be signed by May 1, and that the final treaty will be signed by June 1, at the latest, according to a dispatch from the Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail today.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Now that the naval terms for Germany have been absolutely decided upon and the military terms have practically been settled, the question of reparation and its ramifications are engaging the attention of the peace conferees. This question is beset with many difficulties.

The committee on reparation is to decide first what Germany ought to pay and secondly, what she can pay. One difficulty is whether France and Belgium shall share alike pro rata with the other nations.

It is understood that the United States and Great Britain favor making France and Belgium preferred creditors, but this is opposed by Premier Hughes of Australia.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—More former District national guardsmen are due here on the cruiser Frederick on March 1, port officials announced today. They are members of the old District Third Infantry Regiment and are attached to Companies I and D of the 162d Infantry of the Forty-first Division.

These troops will be sent to Camp Lee, Dix, Bulard and Lee for demobilization. The cruiser has a detachment of the Third battalion headquarters company of the 162d regiment and a few casuals. The cruiser is also carrying several aero squadrons, including the 95th, 104th, 165th, and 100th, and casual companies 271, 273, 908 and 1203.

The transport Carrego, St. Nazaire for New York, is due March 5 with a detachment of Base Hospital No. 43 (Ga.); detachment Base Hospital No. 41.

Transport Seira, Bordeaux for New York, is due about March 6 with 112 ammunition train, complete, for Camp Dix, Upton, Dodge and Pike; detachment E, Casual Co. 34 (N. Y.); a group of casuals and convalescents.

The following organizations have been placed on priority:

Ninety-ninth aero squadron, brigade headquarters, 305th battalion repair and salvage company, and 301st, 323rd and 324th battalions of 305th brigade, tank corps; air service casual company five; evacuation ambulance company twenty-four.

On the eve of Washington's becoming bone-dry ninety-five men faced Judge McMahon in Police Court today on the charge of being intoxicated.

In addition to this number ten men were brought to trial on charges of selling whiskey in violation of the Sheppard law. The latter cases were continued.

In nearly every instance Judge McMahon fined the men who were charged with being drunk \$10. Police officials say that the number of cases before the court today constituted a record. Last fall eighty-four cases were tried in one day.

All of the accused were arrested Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Sixty-seven men were locked up in police stations, and twenty-eight were released on bail.

The cases were prosecuted by Assistant Corporation Counsel Ringgold Hart.

PORTUGAL PLANS TO OVERHAUL ITS CONSTITUTION

The constitution of the government of Portugal is to be revised.

Advices to the State Department this afternoon from Lisbon, Portugal, state that the government has decided to call a meeting April 15 of the electoral colleges to elect representatives with full power to revise the constitution.

The government of Portugal has also decided to disarm the police and dissolve both houses of Congress, the dispatch added. The reasons for this were not given, however.

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PENSION BILL OUT IN HOUSE, MAY BE LAW THIS SESSION

The House Rules Committee today decided to grant a special rule for the consideration of the Keating-McKellar pension and retirement bill.

This is the bill for the pensioning of Government employees for which Government workers so long have been contending. The action of the Rules Committee today gives renewed hope of enacting the bill in this Congress. At least, it is likely to pass the House.

The Rules Committee decided to report special rules on three measures in the following order:

First—The Moon bill, relating to control of the telephones and telegraphs.

Second—The land settlement bill for returned soldiers and sailors.

Third—The Keating-McKellar bill.

Follows—Other Two.

The pension and retirement bill rule will not be reported until after the Keating-McKellar bill is reported. Therefore, much depends on developments as to the value of the rule to the bill which the Government employees so much desire.

If the House can be brought to pass the bill within a few days, it is hoped the Senate will then take the measure up and pass it before March 4, next.

Senator Pomeroy blocked the consideration of it, but its advocates have not lost hope of Senate action before that date.

McKellar Trice Again.

Senator McKellar of Tennessee made another effort this afternoon to have the pension and retirement bill considered in the Senate, but was unsuccessful. His failure to get the bill up today, coming on the heels of the failure Saturday night makes it more and more problematical whether he will be able to force the measure through, but he is expected to make further effort.

General Young, Civil War Leader, Dead

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 24.—Gen. Bennett H. Young, former commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, is dead here today, following a brief illness.

General Young won fame as a cavalry leader during the civil war, serving with Morgan, Stuart, and Mosby.

DEMOCRATS CLOSE WILLIAMS HEARING

Efforts to block in committee the reappointment of John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, by Republican members of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, failed today, when the Democratic members agreed to the taking of testimony and decided to make an effort to report favorable action. If this is done, Republicans will fight it out on the floor.

The Republicans tried to drag out the taking of testimony until the next session, and then report unfavorably. As an answer to criticisms of Mr. Williams by President Wade E. Cooper, of the Union Savings Bank, of this city, Senator Reed read into the Record a letter which Mr. Cooper had written, in which he advised that propaganda against Mr. Williams be set in motion.

If the nomination of Mr. Williams is reported to the Senate, there will undoubtedly be a protracted fight in executive session.

AFGHANISTAN AMIR KILLED

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Amir of Afghanistan has been assassinated, it was announced in official dispatches received here today.

Habibullah Khan, Amir of Afghanistan, succeeded to the throne in 1901. He was forty-six years old.

New England Gives Frenzied Welcome As He Steps Ashore

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson is again on American soil.

He stepped onto Commonwealth Pier at 11:53 this morning from the revenue cutter Ossipee, which had taken him and his party from the George Washington down the bay.

Ranks of troops presented arms as the nation's Chief Executive arrived home after his history-making trip to Europe. From the Ossipee to the elevator in the pier building the President walked over a velvet carpet beneath a canopy of flags. After the President had been taken in the elevator to the upper level of the pier he was introduced to a number of army and navy officers and members of the committee of welcome.

The ship, comprising the official convoy and vessels carrying committees of welcome, national and State officials, had started down the bay at 9 a. m. The steamer Monitor with Mayor Peter's committee of welcome, the press ship Halcyon, and the steamers Sullivan, Cobb, Gov. Bingham, and Samson, carrying officials, were flanked by submarine chasers and six Canadian trawlers.

Several hundred sailors, however, the only crew allowed within the naval "barred zone" around the transport were the press ship and the monitor. The latter also had on board Salvation Army workers, who took a supply of tobacco and doughnuts for the troops on the line. Other relief organizations, including the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus, also had supplies for the soldiers with "welcome home" edibles and amusements.

The trawlers and other vessels of the flotilla passed the George Washington and took up positions behind it.

The Ossipee started down the harbor at 10:10.

The President left the George Washington and went aboard the cutter at 11:03 a. m. There was a strong west wind making the sea choppy. As the President boarded the Ossipee his on-board sign was broken out at the masthead.

Ship Fires Salute.

As the Ossipee glided away from the big transport, the guns of the George Washington boomed forth with the Presidential salute of twenty-one guns.

A mighty roar went up from the thousands dotting every hillside on the water front and every point of vantage from which the harbor could be seen. The uproar continued without intermission as the Ossipee moved forward toward Commonwealth Pier. The doughboys and sailors aboard the Washington gave the President and ear-splitting send-off which he turned and acknowledged, apparently greatly moved.

Bells, sirens, whistles and shouts marked the progress of the Ossipee and the fleet of escorting steamers, yacht and submarine chasers.

Airplanes Circle Over Boat.

The hands aboard the Ossipee and other welcoming craft blared forth martial airs as the naval pageant got under way.

As the Ossipee passed Thompson's Island, three mammoth seaplanes followed in her wake and then circled above her.

The Ossipee reached the pier at 11:43 but some delay in getting the gang-plank ready prevented the President from landing until 11:53.

Just before the President entered his automobile it was learned that twenty-two suffragists had been arrested near the State House, where they had gathered with the intention of confronting President Wilson with placards asking him about votes for women. The suffragists were headed by Miss Katherine Morey, of Brookline, Mass.

Party Leaves Pier.

The Presidential party left the pier at 12:21 p. m. President and Mrs. Wilson were both muffled up in fur coats. As they started for the hotel the airplanes, flying at a great height, headed over the city of Boston. The hum of their motors gave the crowd waiting in the streets warning that the President was coming, and at several points the throng surged forward, but was pressed back.

There were no spectators, other than officials, anywhere near the landing place. A great demonstration began as soon as the long line of motor cars was sighted by the crowd approaching from the direction of the pier.

Leaving the pier the parade headed for the downtown district of Boston, through streets that were banked on both sides with cheering thousands, held back by ropes and by police and troops. The route was past the State House and Boston Common. A police

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SAYS BAD SENATE AIR IS KILLING MEMBERS

Senator Owen of Oklahoma today declared that impure air in the chamber was causing a high rate of mortality among Senators.

He caused to be passed a resolution for an investigation looking to the installation of a modern high-pressure system of ventilation.

He gave a list of fifty-nine Senators and former Senators who have died since he has been in Congress. He entered in 1907. He ascribed the mortality largely to impure air.

DID NOT PLOT PRESIDENT'S DEATH

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Although the fourteen Spaniards arrested here by Secret Service operatives yesterday in one of the periodic drives against alien enemies and radicals, are "undesirables," nothing to warrant the assumption that they were plotting against the life of President Wilson has been disclosed, according to Federal officials today.

The men here were arrested on tips received from Philadelphia, and the Philadelphia officials in turn arrested ten other aliens on information secured from the raid here.

"We have nothing to indicate that there was a plot against President Wilson," said Peter Rubino, chief of the secret service here. "We are going on the theory that it is better to take precautions now than to regret it later."

SLAYER OF HUSBAND GETS TEN YEARS

ATLANTA, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Stella Abbott, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in shooting and killing her husband, John H. Abbott, on January 27, was sentenced today by Judge Humphries to serve ten years in the State prison at Milledgeville.